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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

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We also thank Spencer Drange, Carson and Dustin Huntington, Trish Hays, and Deb and Greg Grice for bringing animals to show the 4th grade students from Yellowstone County.

Good Luck to all of the new officers for this 4-H year.

We are moving our offices in the month of November. The move will happen the middle of the month and our temporary location will be across the street from the courthouse in the former Chamber Building. You will access the building on N 27th Street and use the elevator to get to the 3rd floor. We'll be at the end of the long hallway. Our phone, fax and emails will stay the same.

Be sure to watch your newsletter and emails for meeting locations. With our office move and work on the 4-H Building, meeting locations can frequently change.

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FAMILY FUN NIGHT DECEMBER 6 - METRAPARK

Family Fun Night is a carnival type fund-raising event.

Each 4-H member is asked to:

- 1) Sell pre-event gate tickets (raffle ticket). Be sure to bring one as gate admission.
- 2) Bring a cake or pie for the cake walk or food booth. Bring a book for the book walk.
- 3) Work at their club booth.

Just a reminder - your raffle ticket is your admission ticket. Everyone needs one to get into Family Fun Night. There will be announcements about Family Fun Night on the local radio and television stations. You will see and hear many 4-H leaders and parents.

The Bingo booth gives out nearly 100 Bingo prizes throughout the night. They are asking for donations of small prizes for the adult winners that range in price from \$5 to \$10 dollars. Some ideas include: gift cards, new movies, music, coffee mugs and coffee cards, men's items, candles, etc. You can also provide cash donations that will be used to purchase items.

Please coordinate getting items or cash donations to Kim Sindelar by Dec. 1. Questions? Call Kim at 698-9306 or email her at dovertkff@aol.com

Important dates to remember are:

December 2 - Meeting at 6:00 pm in Room 105 of the Courthouse. All unsold tickets and money from pre-event gate tickets **must be turned into the Extension Office. (One check from each club, please.)**

December 6 - Family Fun Night 5:00 - 8:00 pm
9:00 - 10:30 pm Dance - Everyone (all ages) welcome
Metra Montana Pavilion (please note location change).

December 11 - Post Family Fun Night Meeting at 5:30 pm in Room 105, Courthouse.



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Contact your club representative or the Extension Office if you have questions. Thank you to all 4-H Club representatives for doing a great job!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MONTANA PAVILION

4:00 pm - County awards given in project areas (4-H members interviewed for them in Nov.)

Special Awards given:

10 year members

10, 15, and 20 year leaders

Outstanding Leader Awards

Alumni Awards

Friend of 4-H Award

Friendship Award

Club Secretary Awards

Family Fun Night Club Booth Winners

5:00 pm - Family Fun Night begins.

7:30 pm - Door prize winners announced. Silent auction closes. Club booth awards.

9:00 - 10:30 pm - 4-H Dance - Everyone is invited!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT DANCE

Come join the Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors who will be hosting a dance as soon as cleanup is wrapped up after Family Fun Night, Saturday, December 6. The dance costs \$1.00 dollar to attend and will run until 10:30 pm. This is a family event and everyone is invited.

TURKEY SPLAT AT FFN!

Once again the Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors will be hosting "Turkey Splat". "Turkey Splat" is a game that involves squares on the floor and a live turkey. The game is fairly simple, a person purchases a square for \$5.00 a piece and whichever square the turkey "splats on" is the winner.

The winner will be awarded a "Holiday dinner basket" which will include a smoked turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, a homemade pie, and various other goodies to go along with the dinner. The winner of "Turkey Splat" MUST be present or have made delivery arrangements with an ambassador to accept the prize on their behalf. The turkey will be put out on the grid at 7:00 pm. May the best splat win!

100 MORE ITEMS NEEDED

The 4-H county Ambassadors have been collecting items for the Tumbleweed Runaway Program. Family Fun Night will be the final collection day. Ask your members to help out by bringing the following:

New or gently use, clean teen clothing, shoes, hat, jackets, socks, underwear, toiletries, shelf stable food items (tuna, chili. Granola bars, soup, etc.) school supplies, gift cards for gas, food, etc. Many kids couch surf, live in their cars or on the street.

Items can currently be dropped off at the Yellowstone County Extension office. After all of the items are gathered, the Ambassador team will deliver the whole donation to the Tumbleweed. Thanks in advance for all of the help and here's to another 100 years of Extension!

If there are any questions feel free to call Ambassador Daniel Lurie at (406) 320-1039.

TOYS FOR TOTS

We will be collecting Toys for Tots again this year. You may bring your new, unwrapped toys to Family Fun Night or the Extension Office. Thank you for your generosity.

4-H RINGS THE RED KETTLES ~ A COUNTY TRADITION

Yellowstone County 4-H in partnership with the Salvation Army, will be ringing the bell at the red Kettles again this year! 4-H members, leaders, parents, friends, etc. from around Yellowstone County are encouraged to volunteer to staff the red holiday kettles in the Billings area. **We will email the schedule as soon as dates have been assigned. There will also be a sign up poster at Family Fun Night. Be sure to sign up!**



The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign started in 1891 and is now one of the most recognized and important charitable campaigns in the US. A national average of 84¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to people in need served by the Salvation Army. Funds raised in

Yellowstone County stay in Yellowstone County.

Let's show 4-H supports those less fortunate in Yellowstone County...it only takes a small amount of your time.

ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE IN NOV.

In order to keep mailing out newsletters and emails to the appropriate audience, we need club enrollment forms to be turned in A.S.A.P. during November.

Please remember the Animal and/or Horse Project Permission, and Assumption of Risk for 4-H Programs form must accompany member enrollment forms.

Montana 4-H Animal Project Permission & Assumption of Risk Form - every member enrolled in any project involving large or small animals (i.e., dog, beef, pocket pet, horse, etc.) must complete this form and turn it in with the member enrollment form.

New Leaders and lapsed Leaders (those that skipped one or several years and are now returning) must complete four pages of the enrollment form and the four page Volunteer Application packet. Returning Leaders (those that were leaders last year) must the four page Leader enrollment form.

Additional forms can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website under "Forms" or picked up at the Extension Office. **Please remember we need your audit, enrollment forms and club dues before we may fill your project materials order.**

4-H PROJECT FAIR

When: Sunday, Nov. 16 3:00 to 5:00 pm
Where: 4-H Building at MetraPark

Are you new to 4-H? Do you have questions about 4-H projects? Do you know someone that wants to join 4-H? What was formerly project day is now set up like a science fair where you check out projects. 4-H'ers will have displays of their project entails and answer questions. Who knows if you will find a project you didn't know about and would like to try! You will also find information on state and regional 4-H events. There will be contests and prizes. The event is open to the public, so invite your friends and neighbors.

PROJECT FAIR PRESENTERS NEEDED

Are you a teen leader? Are you someone who is passionate about their 4-H project? Do you want to get more people involved in your project? We need 4-H'ers who are willing to talk about and share their project at the 4-H Project Fair, Sun., Nov., 16 from 3-5 pm. We want to have as many different projects represented as possible.

The following projects have already been selected:

Sewing & Textiles	Rabbit	Goat
Cake Decorating	Sheep	Shooting Sports
Foods	Poultry	Pocket Pet
Swine		

If you can assist in sharing another project, please contact 4-H Council President Jodie Drange at 855-3767. You will visit with people that want to know more about your project/display. This is a great opportunity to practice your communication skills!

Leaders: If you know of someone that we should contact or if you have interest in helping, please contact Jodie.

RECYCLE 4-H MATERIALS

As you begin the new 4-H year, please return any project manuals that have not been written in which you will not be using this year. We can use them for other 4-H members, which allows us to keep our enrollment fees to a minimum and helps our environment! (cjb/9/20/06)

EXCHANGE NEEDS YOUR ROPES!

Exchange is in need of new or used team or calf ropes. The Exchange kids make unique rope baskets for their exchange hosts. Ropes can be dropped off at the Extension Office. Thank you in advance.

CITIZENSHIP INTERVIEWS

Each year Yellowstone County sends individuals to the Montana Citizenship Seminar in Helena and to Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington, D.C. To be considered as a delegate, you must get your registration form turned in by Monday, December 1 and participate in the Citizenship Interviews which will be held on Tuesday, December 9.

Applications have been mailed to 4-H members age 14 and older. A Bill Writing Workshop will be held on Thursday, November 13, starting at 5:30 pm at the 4-H Building. You can also set up individual times to get help. Brush up on current affairs, read the newspaper, watch TV news and know your state representatives.

MT Citizenship Seminar - must be 14 by October 1, 2014 (Spring 2015)

Citizenship Washington Focus - must be 15 by October 1, 2014 (June 6-13, 2015)

www.4hcenter.org/youth-conference-center-overview/educational-programs/citizenship-washington-focus/

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT: LEADERSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Yellowstone County would like to send selected delegates to Washington D.C.! This opportunity is for young people entering grades 7-9. To be considered as a delegate, you must get your registration form turned in to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by Monday, December 1, write a bill, and participate in the Citizenship interviews to be held on Tuesday, December 9.

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Leadership Washington Focus: TBD, June or July 2015

Approximate cost: \$1600-\$1700 per person

Deposit: \$650 due with application

The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center and attendees will hear from motivational speakers and participate in educational workshops that increase individual leadership capability and build lifetime skills for success. Tour the White House, National Archives, Presidential/war monuments and memorials, Smithsonian museums, and more.

WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM

Over 92,000 4-H volunteers live in the 13 western states. A different state plans and hosts a 4-H Volunteer Forum each year. **Oregon will host in 2015.** You are invited to participate and experience a 4-H Volunteer

Forum in a new way. No matter where you live, or how busy your schedule is, this volunteer development opportunity is accessible to you via a computer. Plans are underway for our district to get together to view the webinars. It will create discussion and commentary for all of us.

The Oregon 4-H Program will host three (3), 90-minute online sessions (each beginning at 6:30 pm Pacific Time) during January, February and March 2015. These sessions will make volunteer development resources available to all interested 4-H volunteers. Our district is working on establishing a location where we will gather and watch these as a group. Watch for additional information!

Please add these dates to your calendar today!

Tuesday, **Jan 27**, 2015 (6:30 - 8:00 pm Pacific Time)

Thursday, **Feb 12**, 2015 (6:30 - 8:00 pm Pacific Time)

Monday, **Mar 2**, 2015 (6:30 - 8:00 pm Pacific Time)

There is no fee to participate. Register at <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015>

2015 GREYTAK CALENDARS

It's time! The Montana Ag Calendars featuring Don Greytak are available. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana Youth in 4-H and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and Universities. This 2015 4-H Centennial Edition would make a special holiday gift.

Your club may sell these calendars for \$10.00 each. Your club will earn \$2.50 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

4-H GRANTS

People Partners Grants are available to 4-H club members or groups who would like to do something to help improve the quality of life for children, youth and adults in Montana.

There is an emphasis to encourage participants to learn about their communities and to become active in working on programs that will help to make their community a more attractive, safer and more enjoyable place in which to live.

In the past, services have involved clean-ups, tree

plantings and road signs. There will be about \$5,000 available in financial support to programs that will enhance the "quality of living" for PEOPLE in the community.

Applications are due in the Montana 4-H Foundation Office by February 1, 2015. You can obtain an application at the Extension Office or visiting the link <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31>

Innovative Programming Grants are available to innovative individuals or groups to set up educational programs. This is a very open grant. All you need to do is think of an innovative idea. For example, several years ago the photography project leaders in Meagher County set up a monthly "Meagher County Video Magazine." The project involves kids in learning how to run a camera, conduct interviews, script, edit and create TV productions. Visit the following link for information of how to apply. <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31>
Application deadline is April 1, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE

In 2015, there will be Outbound programs (various age requirements; minimum age 14) to **Japan, Finland, and Costa Rica** as well as International Foreign Youth Exchange (IFYE) Programs for former 4-H youth age 19-30. Participant & Chaperone applications are due **December 1, 2014.**

American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) sponsored by the University of Wyoming to students in Western state. Start thinking now about applying. Visit the state 4-H website at: www.montana4h.org/#program:13 for more information. Or call Stephanie Davison in Bozeman at 406-334-3502 or email sdavison@montana.edu
 Please see the insert in this newsletter.

2014-2015 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

The 4-H Council budget for the upcoming 4-H year, which began October 1, will be mailed to each Organizational Leader. Ask your Organizational Leader to see the budget if you are interested in what 4-H Council spends money on during the year. You can also contact Roni at the Extension Office for a copy.

MSU 2015 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana State University-Bozeman will be awarding a large number of scholarships to academically talented Montana resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall semester 2015. To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

Apply for admission to Montana State University. Applications are available in the MSU-Bozeman Viewbook or you may apply online at: <http://www.montana.edu/wwwcat/appopts.html>

Have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company.

A variety of **additional scholarships** (with variable criteria) will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2014. To be considered for these scholarships, you must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship application must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2015. This application can be found online at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml>

4-H LICENSE PLATES

The Montana 4-H License Plate is a great way to show your pride in 4-H and support the program on a state and county level. Cost of the plate is \$35, with \$15 going to the county treasurer, \$10 to the Montana 4-H Foundation and \$10 to the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

National 4-H Conference will be held April 10-16, 2015 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington, D.C. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action.

Who May Attend:

Montana will send a delegation of up to four participants.

Youth delegate: Must be 15–18 years old as of October 1, 2014 and not a high school senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend.

Adult Chaperone Delegate: Must be an enrolled volunteer in the Montana 4-H Program (25 years or older).

Application Process:

Complete the application available at the Extension office by February 1. Applications will be reviewed by selection committee and delegates will be selected.

Delegate Expenses:

Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependent on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the costs per participant. Estimated cost \$1600-\$1700.

JOHN DEERE EXPO

All FFA and 4-H students are invited to a three-day Expo including career development events, leadership opportunities and a chance to connect with fellow 4-H/FFA members. The John Deere Student Ag Expo has been created in order to produce an exciting agricultural opportunity for the youth in the Northwest.

This three-day event will be held Nov. 13-15 on the MSU Bozeman campus and will include numerous opportunities for students interested in all parts of agriculture including contests, workshops and tours. Students can compete in as many contests as they choose, providing great practice for state conventions and the year ahead.

For more information, contact Jaime Edmundson with FFA at (406) 582- 4118. Registration deadline is Oct. 30. Individuals can register at: <https://www.judgingcard.com/Registration/Info.aspx?ID=3834>

Contact Roni if you are interested in being on the county team.

ANIMALS & ITEMS FOR SALE

Just a reminder that we keep a file at the Extension Office with animals, tack, equipment, etc. for sale. You are welcome to put things in the file and we encourage folks to call and check the file if you are looking for something. If you are interested give us a call, 256-2828.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Yellowstone County News
Western Livestock Reporter
ORigen Inc.
Project Mercantile

Arrow Striping
Billings Kubota
Lockwood Vet
Air Controls

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

The Department N meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 pm in Courthouse Room 105.

CAKE WORKSHOP

Cake meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 pm in Courthouse Room 105. Anyone already signed up for cake decorating or wanting to check it out is welcome. We will be doing annual Turkey cakes. Carol will furnish the cakes, boards and chocolate. Please bring a batch of icing, your decorating tools, and \$5 to help cover the cost of cake, chocolate and boards. RSVP required by Friday, Nov. 7 to the Extension Office @ 256-2828 or Carol @ 839-7420 (leave a message), so she has time to make enough cakes for everyone.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP

Our next meeting is Saturday, Nov. 15 in Courthouse Room 105 from 10:00 am to noon. The workshops are off to a great start with the addition of Stillwater County 4-H ceramics members to our workshops. Last month, we learned about the many possibilities for creating beautiful cast ceramics pieces, about slip, green ware, and bisque. Each member poured a piece and removed it from the mold. They learned how the kiln is used and their pieces will be ready for them to clean at the Nov. meeting.

On Nov. 15, first year members will receive their "kits"

and learn more about greenware and cleaning. Second year members will be cleaning an "animal" piece" for staining and antiquing. Advanced members are working on the pieces and techniques that they are interested in learning.

New members are always welcome. Please call Marilyn at 697-4015 to let her know if you are planning on coming to the meeting. Remember that we have 3 ceramics teachers with 35+ years of experience.

ATTENTION 4-H CLUBS: 4-H SHOWCASE PLANNING BEGINS

The first meeting for the spring 2015 Showcase and Public Revue will be held during the November Department N meeting on Thursday, November 6, at 6:30 pm.

Each club must have a Showcase representative attend the Department N meeting to plan for this big event next spring. Clubs not sending representatives may not be allowed to have their members participate.

This would be a good time to encourage a teen leader to attend along with the adult leader.

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

SMALL ANIMAL, SALE & LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

The meetings for these committees will be held Wednesday, November 5 in the Yellowstone Room at MetraPark. Livestock fairbook changes will be voted on at these meetings: Small Animal Committee at 6:00 pm; Sale Committee at 6:30 pm; Livestock Committee (immediately following Sale Committee).

STEER OF MERIT

The following members had steers at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Steer of Merit Program in Montana. Ultrasound data was used to meet a set criteria to qualify.

MT Steer of Merit Standards (2013)

Hot Carcass Weight: 650-950 pounds
Dressing Percentage: 55-68%
Back Fat: 0.25 – 0.60 inches
Ribeye Area: < or = to 17.5 square inches
Yield Grade: < or = to 2.99

Dark Cutter: no
Quality Grade: Choice or better
Cutability: > or = to 51%

MontanaFair Steer of Merit Winners

Beau Bromenshenk - Hesper Hustlers
Garrett Bromenshenk - Hesper Hustlers
Anna Kraft - Hesper Hustlers
Cearra Oblander - Worden Riverdale
Tate Thompson - Lockwood Humble B's
Teghan Vermandel - Worden Riverdale
Teyah Vermandel - Worden Riverdale

SHEEP CARCASS EVALUATION

The following members had lambs at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Sheep Carcass Evaluation in Montana. The data from the ultrasound was used to meet a set of criteria to qualify.

Sheep Carcass Standards (2013)

Carcass Weight: not < 45 lbs. and not > 85 lbs.

Quality Grade: not < Ch-

Fat Thickness: not < .1 inch

Yield Grade: not over 2.99

Ribeye:	Hot Carcass Wgt.	Min. Ribeye Area
	45	2.2
	46-50	2.3
	51-55	2.4
	56-60	2.5
	61-65	2.6
	66-70	2.7
	71-75	2.8
	76-80	2.9
	81-85	3.0
	86-90	3.1
	91+	3.2

Final Index: Not < 50 points

MontanaFair Sheep Carcass Evaluation Winners

Kendal Vandivort - Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Tara Welborn - Huntley Eagles

CLUB CORNER

Clubs who turned in club minutes this month.

Big Sky Thunderbolts – New officers were elected in the club. We talked about the club t-shirt design. Festival of Trees is coming up and we started plans.

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks – The club installed a 4-H welcome sign on Blue Creek Road.

Cool Clovers – We discussed our community service activities. Family Fun Night booth organization was planned.

Laurel Roadrunners – Family Fun Night was planned. New club leadership is needed.

Lockwood Outlaws – Fair was reviewed. Record books were handed in. Ideas for the new year were shared.

Shepherd Pioneers – Officers were elected. We discussed National 4-H Week, fair and committees.

Town and Country – Our club is disbanding. Several members are joining other clubs.

4-H PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

A complete copy of this document is available at the Extension Office.

4-H is the Youth education program of Montana State University. Club membership is recognized as an optimal 4-H experience but there are other ways youth can be involved in 4-H such as school enrichment, special interests, afterschool, camps, conferences and individualized study.

Below are expectations of 4-H Club and Project Leaders:

- Complete a leaders enrollment application and volunteer screening form.
- Participate in leader training as available and appropriate.
- Hold educational meetings to help youth increase their knowledge and skills.
- Guide 4-H members in the planning of their club program and projects.
- Build youth and adult partnerships.
- Provide appropriate supervision at club activities.
- Pay leader dues and pass the volunteer screening procedures required of volunteers.
- Follow club and county guidelines.

POSITIVE IMPACTS OF 4-H

4-H has a long history of innovation and community impact. Beginning in 1902 with the 4-H Corn Club, all the way up to present-day robotics clubs, 4-H'ers have stepped up to tackle challenges ranging from food security

and environmental issues to bullying and emergency preparedness – and 4-H'ers have succeeded!

Current research indicates that 4-H'ers are better equipped to contribute and lead, as compared to their peers.* Results show that youth in 4-H:

- Are more civically active and make more civic contributions to their communities.
- Report better grades and are two times more likely to plan to attend college.
- Are shown to have significantly lower drug, alcohol and cigarette use than their peers.

*Reference: 4-H.org Waves of the Future: Report of finding from the first seven years of the 4-H study of positive youth development: 2010.

4-H VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE WEBINARS

4-H Volunteers, youth and staff can take part in several virtual learning experiences to gain new knowledge and explore concepts to help build a positive youth development environment embracing belonging, master, independence and generosity. Webinars can be viewed from any computer with internet access. There is not charge to participate.

Thurs., Nov. 13, 2014, at 7:30 pm

Service Learning: Fostering Better Communities & Young Citizens

Mon., Jan. 12, 2015, at 7:30 pm

So You Are an Ambassador...Now What?

Tues., Feb. 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm

Life Skills at the 4-H Livestock Sale

Wed., Mar. 18, 2015, at 7:30 pm

Managing Risk: What I Need to Know as a 4-H Volunteer

For session descriptions, recording, registration and more details, go to www.montana4h.org/#program:56

Be sure to hook up to the webinar at least 15 minutes prior to the session to work out any technical challenges.

